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In re Application of:	:	Docket No: ACO 2694 PLUS
GERARD H. DAVIES et al.	:	Examiner: M.E. Barr
Serial No: 09/936,794	:	Group Art Unit: 1762
Filing Date: November 13, 2001	:	
Title: PRIMER COATING OF STEEL	:	

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of January 14, 2004.  
A two-month extension of time to respond is requested so that  
the period for response expires on June 14, 2004.

All grounds of rejection that are based upon the citation of the  
Sano patent, as articulated on pages 2-4 of the Office Action should  
be removed in view of the submittal of the attached Declaration of  
Peter Greenwood. As Mr. Greenwood explains in the Declaration, Sano  
only discloses a silicate solution that contains large lumps of  
amorphous silica. Furthermore, Mr. Greenwood explains the  
differences that exist between a silicate solution and a silica sol.  
From the contents of this Declaration, it is clear that Sano fails to  
either show or suggest a process in which a composition containing a  
silica sol is used. The process that is claimed in the present  
application, on the other hand, is one in which a composition  
comprising a silica sol is used. The pending Claims therefore are

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